

Termination of
service under Act of
May 14, 1942.

Transportation
from last duty post.

of the corps established by such Act of May 14, 1942. Enlistment or acceptance of appointment under the provisions of this Act shall terminate service under the Act of May 14, 1942, and personnel who were enrolled or appointed under the Act last mentioned who do not so enlist or accept appointment hereunder will be discharged. The Secretary of War is authorized to provide transportation and sleeping accommodations, or an allowance in lieu thereof at the rate of 5 cents per mile, for the travel from her last duty post to the place of her acceptance for appointment or enrollment to any member of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps established pursuant to the provisions of such Act of May 14, 1942, who is not appointed or enlisted in the Army of the United States pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

Approved July 1, 1943.

[CHAPTER 188]

AN ACT

July 3, 1943
[S. 832]

[Public Law 111]

Relating to the sale of horse meat or food products thereof in the District of Columbia.

Horse meat and
horse-meat products,
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Marking or label-
ing; notification.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That after thirty days after the date of enactment of this Act it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation, or any officer, agent, or employee thereof, to sell or offer for sale within the District of Columbia to any person any horse meat or food product thereof unless such meat or food product is plainly and conspicuously labeled, marked, branded, or tagged "horse meat" or "horse-meat product", as the case may be, or, in the case of any horse meat or food product thereof which is sold or offered for sale to any consumer at a hotel, restaurant, or similar establishment, unless such consumer is notified that the food which he receives contains horse meat or food products thereof.

Penalties.

SEC. 2. Any person who willfully violates any provision of this Act, or any regulation prescribed thereunder, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Regulations.

SEC. 3. The health officer of the District of Columbia, subject to the approval of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, is authorized to make such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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[CHAPTER 189]

AN ACT

July 3, 1943
[S. 1026]

[Public Law 112]

To provide for the settlement of claims for damage to or loss or destruction of property or personal injury or death caused by military personnel or civilian employees, or otherwise incident to activities, of the War Department or of the Army.

Damages incident to
activities of War De-
partment or Army.
Settlement of small
claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War, and, subject to appeal to the Secretary of War, such other officer or officers as he may designate for such purposes and under such regulations as he may prescribe, are hereby authorized to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, settle and pay in an amount not in excess of \$500, or in time of war not in excess of \$1,000, where accepted by the claimant in full satisfaction and final settlement, any claim against the United States arising on or after May 27, 1941, when such claim is substantiated in such manner as the Secretary of War may by regulation prescribe, for damage to or loss or destruction of property,

real or personal, or for personal injury or death, caused by military personnel or civilian employees of the War Department or of the Army while acting within the scope of their employment, or otherwise incident to noncombat activities of the War Department or of the Army, including claims for damage to or loss or destruction, by criminal acts, of registered or insured mail while in the possession of the military authorities, claims for damage to or loss or destruction of personal property bailed to the Government and claims for damages to real property incident to the use and occupancy thereof, whether under a lease, express or implied, or otherwise: *Provided*, That the damage to or loss or destruction of property, or the personal injury or death, shall not have been caused in whole or in part by any negligence or wrongful act on the part of the claimant, his agent, or employee. No claim shall be settled under this Act unless presented in writing within one year after the accident or incident out of which such claim arises shall have occurred: *Provided*, That if such accident or incident occurs in time of war, or if war intervenes within one year after its occurrence, any claim may on good cause shown be presented within one year after peace is established. The amount allowed on account of personal injury or death shall be limited to reasonable medical, hospital, and burial expenses actually incurred, except that no payment shall be made to any claimant in reimbursement for medical or hospital services furnished at the expense of the United States nor, in the case of burial, of such portion of the expense thereof as may be otherwise paid by the United States. Any such settlement made by the Secretary of War, or his designee, under the authority of this Act and such regulations as he may prescribe hereunder, shall be final and conclusive for all purposes, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary. The provisions of this Act shall not be applicable to claims arising in foreign countries or possessions thereof which are cognizable under the provisions of the Act of January 2, 1942 (55 Stat. 880; 31 U. S. C. 224d), as amended, or to claims for damage to or loss or destruction of property of military personnel or civilian employees of the War Department or of the Army, or for personal injury or death of such persons, if such damage, loss, destruction, injury, or death occurs incident to their service. The Secretary of War may report such claims as exceed \$500, or in time of war \$1,000, to Congress for its consideration.

SEC. 2. Such appropriations as may be required for the settlement of claims under the provisions of this Act are hereby authorized. Appropriations available to the War Department for the settlement of claims under the provisions of other laws shall be available for the settlement of claims of the same character under the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. That portion of section 1 of the Act of August 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 586), reading as follows: "*Provided*, That hereafter the Secretary of War is authorized to consider, ascertain, adjust, and determine the amounts due on all claims for damages to and loss of private property when the amount of the claim does not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars, occasioned by heavy gun fire and target practice of troops, and for damages to vessels, wharves, and other private property, found to be due to maneuvers or other military operations for which the Government is responsible, and report the amounts so ascertained and determined to be due the claimants to Congress at each session thereof through the Treasury Department for payment as legal claims out of appropriations that may be made by Congress therefor," is hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. The Act of December 28, 1922 (42 Stat. 1066; 31 U. S. C. 215-217), shall hereafter be inapplicable to the War Department.

Negligence or wrongful act of claimant.

Time limitation.

Extension in time of war.

Allowance in case of personal injury or death.

Settlement to be final.

Nonapplicability.

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Claims in excess of designated amounts.

Appropriations authorized.
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Repeals.
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 208.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of the River and Harbor Act, approved June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 676), as amended by the Act of June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. 1015; 33 U. S. C. 564), is hereby repealed.

31 U. S. C. §§ 218-222.
Loss of property in military service.

SEC. 6. The Act of March 3, 1885 (23 Stat. 350), as amended by the Act of July 9, 1918 (40 Stat. 880), and by the Act of March 4, 1921 (41 Stat. 1436), is hereby amended by adding, after section 5, the following sections:

Delegation of functions.

"SEC. 5a. Any authorization or direction in this Act to the Secretary of War, and any reference herein to a decision, declaration, or other action by the Secretary of War, shall include authorization or direction to, and action by, as the case may be, such other officer or officers as he may designate for such purposes, acting under such regulations as he may prescribe. Any settlement made by the Secretary of War, or his designee, under the authority of this Act, under such regulations as he may prescribe, shall be final and conclusive for all purposes, notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary.

Settlement to be final.

Applicability to civilian personnel.

"SEC. 5b. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable also to civilian personnel and civilian employees of the War Department or of the Army, including such personnel and employees engaged on civil works."

Claims for injury or death abroad.

SEC. 7. The Act of February 13, 1936 (49 Stat. 1138; 31 U. S. C. 224a), shall hereafter be inapplicable to acts of officers, enlisted men, and employees of the Army and officers, employees, or agents of the War Department.

Approved July 3, 1943.

[CHAPTER 190]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry or otherwise and their return to civil employment", approved June 2, 1920, as amended, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry or otherwise and their return to civil employment", approved June 2, 1920, as amended (U. S. C., title 29, ch. 4), is amended to read as follows:

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[Public Law 113]

Vocational Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1943.

41 Stat. 735.
29 U. S. C. §§ 31-38, 41-44.

Post, pp. 502, 536, 616.

"AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

"SECTION 1. Moneys made available for the purpose pursuant to this Act shall be used for making payments to States (and Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, herein referred to as 'States') which have submitted, and had approved by the Federal Security Administrator (herein referred to as the 'Administrator'), State plans for vocational rehabilitation of disabled individuals.

"STATE PLANS

"SEC. 2. (a) To be approvable under this Act, a State plan for vocational rehabilitation shall—

Requirements.

State board as sole agency.

Agency assisting adult blind.

"(1) designate the State board of vocational education (herein referred to as the 'State board') as the sole agency for the administration, supervision, and control of the State plan; except that where under the State's law, the State blind commission, or other agency which provides assistance or services to the adult blind is authorized to provide them vocational rehabilitation, the plan